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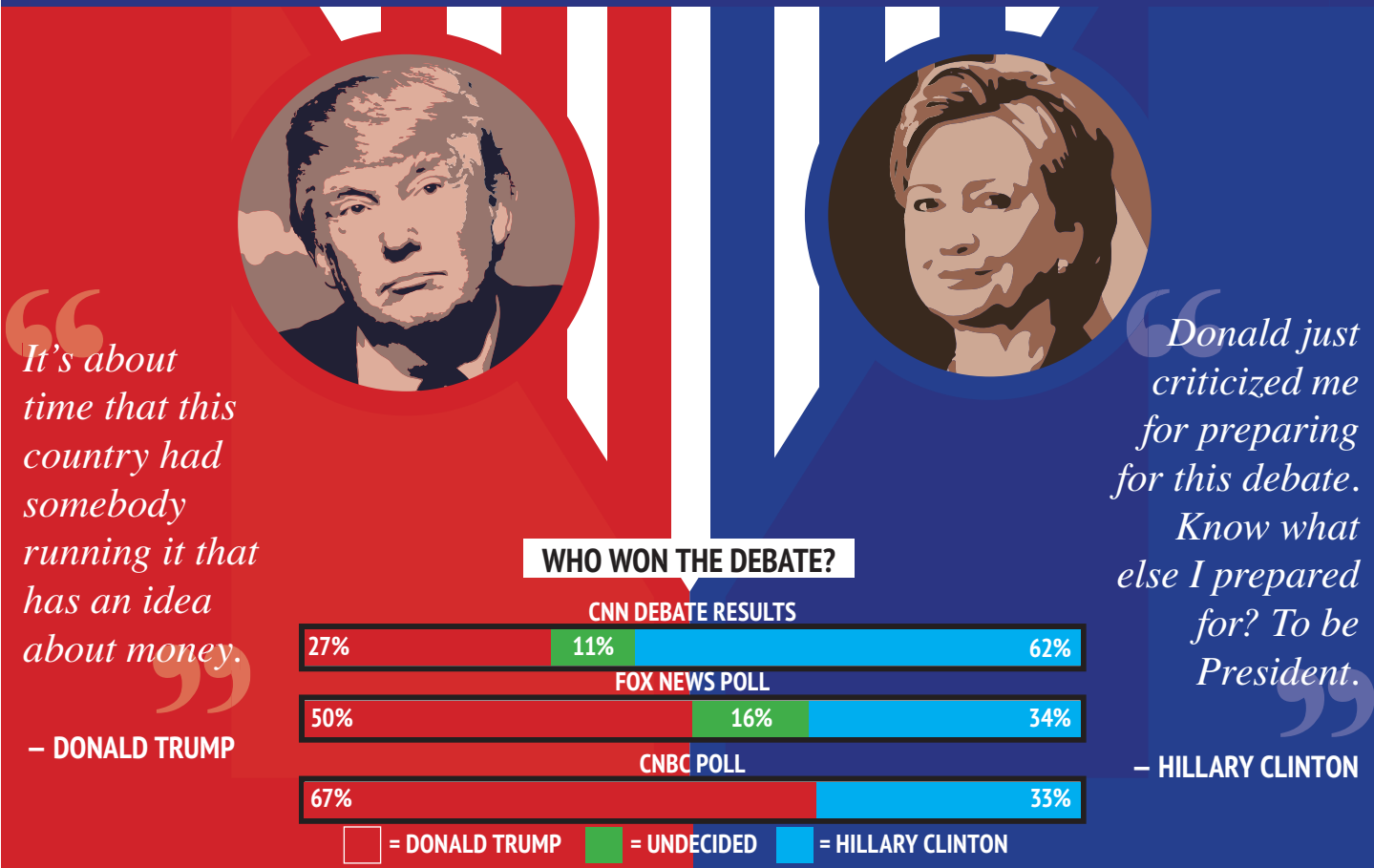
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First debate illuminates candidates' personalities



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DANIEL REEDY

MANAGING EDITOR

The American electorate is left with an excruciating decision as November 8 draws closer and closer. The choice between the two remaining candidates could be compared to choosing between burning alive or death by firing squad.

Many Americans believe that either candidate will drive us into (further) demise, it is just a matter of deciding the method of our destruction. "The Donald" worries many voters because of his rambunctious persona while "Crooked Hillary" scares a large portion of America following the Benghazi scandal, her rumored dishonesty and archaic association with government.

As a true conservative, I despise both candidates and I watched Monday's debate with disdain.

I attempted to set aside my

personal biases — my deep hatred for Mrs. Clinton and my embarrassment that Trump is technically representing my political party. Overall, I think the debate was effective in presenting both candidates in their true light. While the performance by moderator Lester Holt is certainly worth discussing, I believe he allowed both Trump and Clinton to display their personalities and he avoided interrupting their banter.

Of course, the first question to consider is which candidate "won" the debate? I would argue that Hillary Clinton outperformed Donald Trump. However, I believe Trump was the victor of this first debate. While Clinton demonstrated experience, was prepared and is clearly stronger in the debate environment, she only met expectations; she did not exceed them as her opponent did.

I was not sure how Trump would act, now at the most official part of the election season thus far. I did not know if he could or would keep composure or whether or not he could hold his own against the more established Clinton.

I believe that he did.

From my perspective, Trump exceeded my expectations and showed me that he could be a

president more than he had shown me before. I still don't like him. However, he has grown on me — slightly — but he is making progress. His improvement isn't enough to shake my low opinion, but by surpassing my expectations, he is opening me to the idea of a Trump presidency — rather than denying it.

My mind is obviously not the only area in which Trump has made progress. Trump is now just three points back from Clinton in a national poll — no, not according to Fox News — according to the New York Times.

Meanwhile, Clinton provided facts (proven by a fact checker on her own website) and figures and her arguments were well-organized and planned prior to the event — exactly what most of the viewers expected. So while Clinton did better, Trump won because he exhibited poise and remained calm even while Clinton took a few shots. Yes, he absolutely interrupted Holt and Clinton and rambled on occasion, but he did so far less than I anticipated.

So while we can pretend that Americans vote based on intelligent research, policy

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TIME TO VOTE

Students engage in politics

By ITZEL CASTRO
STAFF WRITER

San Jose's chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society, held its first presidential debate at the newly opened Starbucks lounge in the Diaz Compean Student Union on Monday evening.

Dozens of SJSU students, coffee cups in hand, watched Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump go head-to-head for the first time.

"It was a very savage debate between both parties," said junior English student Brandon Luu. "However, there should be some consideration taking into account for all the issues that were brought up during this debate."

The debate was fast-paced, with the two candidates discussing issues such as the economy, immigration and foreign policy while also taking several jabs at each other.

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DEBATE

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The crowd of more than 50 students filled the room with cheers, boos and laughter as they watched the debate from the edge of their seats.

President of SJSU's Pi Sigma Alpha, Helen Southwood, said her organization hosted the event because they want Spartans to be more politically active.

"I think it's really important for students and people ages 18-24 to actually get

out and vote as well as being involved in politics," Southwood said.

According to a poll from the Harvard's Institute of Politics (IOP), at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, only 46 percent of America's youth is following the 2016 presidential race while 52 percent is not.

Silicon Valley Leadership Group intern Anastasia Bernal said that organizations like SJSU's Pi Sigma Alpha are inspiring more young voters to be politically engaged by hosting fun presidential debate watch parties.

"If you make it exciting if you have [debate-watch parties] in the Starbuck lounge you pull people in," Bernal said. "Once there... you start to see what your friends are thinking whether good or bad you are opening your mind to the electoral process."

At the end of the evening, when deciding on the winner and loser of the debate many people had mixed opinions.

Senior political science student Jonathan Perez said Hillary Clinton was the clear winner of the first debate.

"I think Clinton did a great job at letting

the audience know that she isn't going to stoop down to Trump's level," Perez said.

On the other hand, some students were impressed by Trump's rhetoric in the first presidential debate.

"Trump went out and spoke off the cuff today and he conquered," said Mike Bull, freshman chemistry student.

SJSU's Pi Sigma Alpha is open to the idea of hosting another presidential debate watch party in the near future.

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CHEW puts student hunger under wraps

By FRANCISCO FRANCO
STAFF WRITER

The Student Health Center posed as the Food Network Monday as students were given the opportunity to learn how to cook garden-fresh roasted veggie wraps.

This one hour and fifteen minute class was part of CHEW (Cooking Healthy, Eating Well), which is series of cooking classes held by the Student Health Center.

The hand-crafted wraps consisted of eggplant, bell peppers, lettuce, onions, tomatoes and a Tahini-based dressing. As part of a collaboration with the A.S community garden, most of the vegetables in these vegan-friendly wraps were grown on campus.

CHEW has been holding classes since fall of 2015, that are intended to teach students basic cooking skills utilizing affordable ingredients. While making the roasted veggie wraps, students were taught how to properly cut vegetables, puree garlic, dice onions and make a dressing out of Tahini,

lemon juice, and vinegar.

Junior business major Jessica Ayoub participated in a CHEW class for her first time. She said she found the class to be beneficial as she was able to pick up some new skills while she received a much needed free meal.

"I enjoyed eating the free food and I learned how to cut vegetables and how to cook them," Ayoub said. "I'll probably come back."

Karina Mejia, an undeclared junior, was also participating in a CHEW class for her first time. Unlike Ayoub she had little experience eating vegan food prior to the class.

"It's a different taste. I had never heard of Tahini before or had eggplant so I did not know what I was getting into," Mejia said, "but I'm glad and got my portion of nutrition."

The roasted veggie wrap class was instructed by Grace Kim, a nutritional sciences graduate student at SJSU.

According to Kim's biography on the

SJSU website, she began cooking at age four and has never stopped since then. She completed a year in culinary arts and hospitality service training at the City College of San Francisco.

Within that time, she and a culinary team won first place in a mock iron chef competition with a plate featuring a seared duck breast over a root vegetable puree, chimichurri sauce and a caramelized mushroom au jus.

Kim has used her culinary experience to instruct CHEW classes for two semesters. She says CHEW frequently incorporates recipes from all cultures into their classes.

"We do a lot of ethnic foods since SJSU is a very diverse campus," Kim said. "We also want to encourage risk-taking attitudes in the kitchen."

Kim views CHEW classes as a good first cooking experience and much more.

"We teach students how to cook at home, which is an investment into their long term well-being," Kim said.

CHEW hosts around 4-5 cooking



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Veggie wraps shown above are made during the CHEW workshop.

classes per month. The next one, in which students will learn how to cook Vegan "Chicken" Korma, will take place on Oct. 4 at 1:30 p.m. at the Student Health Center. All CHEW classes are completely free and open to all students who sign up beforehand.

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Fires rage in Santa Cruz



NEAL WATERS | SJSU

A firefighter watches trees burning next to a fire road in the Santa Cruz mountains. The wildfire is burning a few miles north of Morgan Hill and is threatening hundreds of homes in the Loma Prieta area.

Correction

On Tuesday September 27, the Spartan Daily published a headline that suggested Carol Bartz, the CEO of Autodesk, was a graduate of San Jose State and she is not. The Spartan Daily regrets this error.

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FORWARD THINKING

Chief Diversity Officer discusses SJSU’s future



SJSU OFFICIAL PORTRAIT

By ESTEPHANY HARO
STAFF WRITER

The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion office at San Jose State University plans to develop a mandatory diversity training program for incoming freshmen and transfer students to welcome diversity to the campus. The training would be an interactive, face-to-face experience.

In an effort to connect with the SJSU community, Chief Diversity Officer Dr. Kathleen Wong(Lau) has met up with different task forces on campus and has attended student events to see how the students are inspired and get a sense of where they are coming from.

“There a lot of good people doing great work here,” Wong(Lau) said. “I am touched by a lot of the faculty and staff and student leaders who often are doing this work either as single agents or in collaboration with other people but it’s just amazing to me the amount of dedication and energy and persistence that people have.”

Although SJSU is known for its diverse student population, Wong(Lau) says there’s more work to be done. “I think like most campuses it’s kind of mix,

there’s great things going on and there are areas that we need to improve.”

Wong(Lau) designed and led a mandatory, five-hour Freshmen Diversity Experience training at University of Oklahoma and her ultimate goal at SJSU is to develop a similar training, making it easier for students to adapt to the college life and prevent hate-related incidents from happening.

The Office of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs (GUP) at SJSU is also developing and assessing the effectiveness of new programs to provide a better overall experience for students.

“We are continuously discussing the needs of our students and developing programs to provide not only academic support but ensure student well being,” said Thalia Anagnos, Associate Vice President of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs.

However, student diversity is not the only focus area for the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion office.

“I would say that we need a lot of improvement in faculty diversity particularly if you’re looking at race and ethnicity,” Wong(Lau) said. “I think that when you look at how diverse the campus is we would benefit by having faculty who are more representative of the students.”

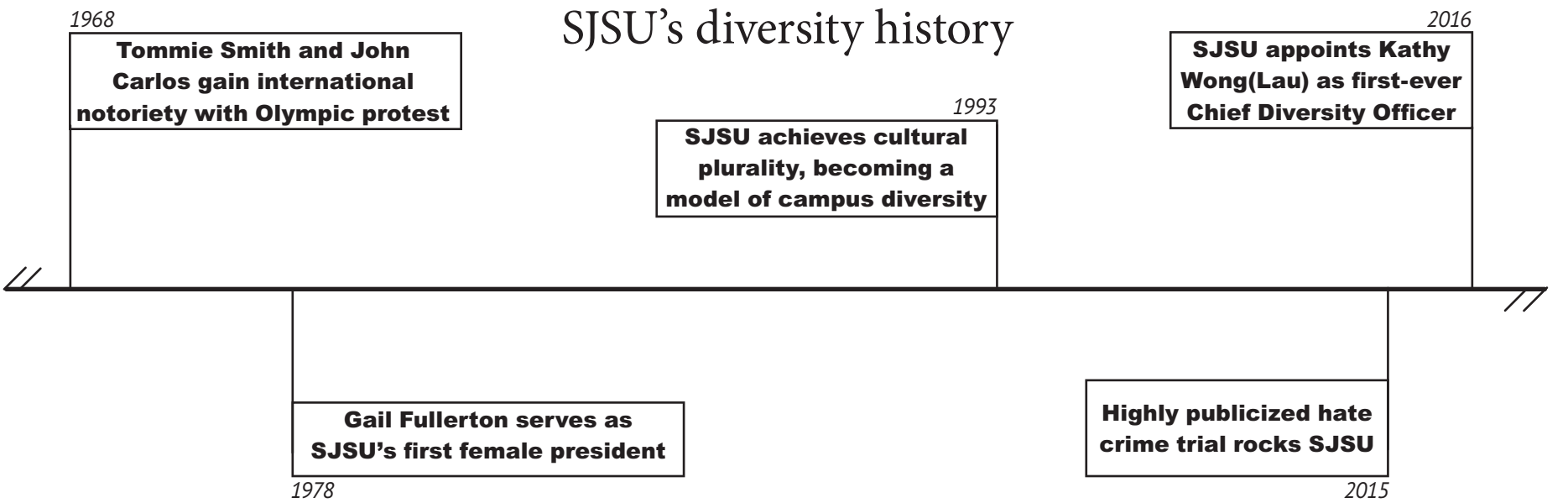
Anagnos also agrees that having a more diverse faculty would be beneficial to students.

“One of the biggest challenges for minorities is finding staff and faculty who look like them and have similar life experience who could serve as formal or informal advisors,” Anagnos said.

Wong(Lau) arrived on campus in July and is still learning about the SJSU community and student needs. Her goal is to develop the mandatory diversity training with research and different mechanisms such as cognitive framing, which is understanding why people do what they do. Although she’s new to campus she has a clear vision of her role in the SJSU community.

“I see my work as a long marathon campaign. Wherever you can you need to consistently utilize whatever is in existence to press your case about the importance of equity. At the same time you can also create new initiatives,” Wong(Lau) said.

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WEIRD CLASS WEDNESDAY

By VICENTE SERNA-ESTRADA
STAFF WRITER

Imagine you're on a fancy date at an expensive restaurant. You want to impress your company by ordering off the wine menu when you start reading and realize: you don't understand what the hell the menu says.

Wine appreciation is a hospitality course at San Jose State University that teaches the basics of wine, wine tasting, and wine history. The course covers winemaking, production, storage, bottling, pairings, regions and even the soils that go into this craft.

Many may think that a class about drinking wine would be the easiest thing, but those looking for any easy-A are out of luck. The 2 hour and 45-minute class rotates through reviews, lectures, analyzing and then finally tasting the wine.

A wine log is required where students log the hue, depth, clarity and the five S's for wine tasting – sight, swirl, smell, sip and spit.

Instructor Adan Ocegueda, an SJSU business graduate and second-level certified sommelier, leads over 100 students through wine tasting every Monday afternoon and evening.

The first half of the semester is based on getting a general understanding of wine. A brief history of wine covers the origins in Egypt, Greece, Rome and France. The process of making wine takes up a large portion of the lectures: covering the seasons, different types of grapes, fermenting, bottling and storage.

"I feel like now I can tell what kind of fruits are in the wine and I had no idea what the smell meant before in a wine," said senior health science student Melissa Trujillo. "I know more now

what wine goes with what food pairing which is something I had no idea how to do before."

Students are required to bring eight-ounce wine glasses with stems, a spit cup and their wine log on days when they taste wine.

Since the wine isn't meant to be drank completely, students are encouraged to spit out their wine not only because it could cause them to become intoxicated, but also because you can taste the wine better when you spit it out than when you drink it.

The rest of the semester's curriculum is dedicated to wine regions and the different styles that appear in those areas. California, France, Spain, Italy, Germany, Chile, South Africa, New Zealand and Australia are some of the regions that are covered in the class.

This course also requires a field trip to a winery where students get to see the process of winemaking from start to finish.

Ocegueda learned about his love for wine through his job of co-managing Vino Santo Bistro in Redwood City with his father. He was also largely influenced by his friend and former SJSU Professor Seth Orvis, who taught wine appreciation for years before him.

Though the course is geared toward hospitality majors, Ocegueda believes that knowing wine is important because it is a notable skill to have.

"If you take a client out for dinner and you want to impress your client, you want to make sure you dominate the wine list correctly," Ocegueda said. "You want to make sure you dominate food and wine pairing because that impression would leave a good scenario for that client."

Ocegueda wants his students to realize



VICENTE SERNA-ESTRADA | SPARTAN DAILY

Communication studies senior, Kristine Singh, and senior health science major, Melissa Trujillo, are served a 2013 Brassfield pinot noir as part of their flight of four red wines for their wine appreciation course.



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Senior health science majors, Melissa Chavarin and Daisy Ramirez sip on a glass of Barbera d'Alba during the wine appreciation class.

that wine isn't just another bottle for them to drink. Through this course he wishes to show students that wine is an art. He wants his students to "appreciate" the craft of wine and what kind of work goes into each and every bottle.

"My favorite part is when we're smelling a wine or tasting a wine and I can see people concentrated, I can tell

right away," Ocegueda said. "I can tell when a person is really interested in learning what's inside that glass."

Wine appreciation is offered in both fall and spring, and can be found listed under HSPM 148 in the course catalog.

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The Daily's Digest

Events you might have missed last weekend



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The International Children's Festival has been organized as a flagship event with the goal of bringing together children from different cultures and communities in the Bay Area, and raising awareness to social problems children face by means of art contest and donations, according to Eventbrite. The festival, which took place at Discovery Meadow Park, San Jose, had food, games, art and shows for kids and their families to enjoy. Dance shows emphasized specific culture,



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Anne & Mark's Art Party kicked off its 2016 celebration of art, music, and live performances on Sep. 24, but will run until Oct. 1st. There will be more than 300 artists and performers at this years event. Paintings, installations, fire-breathing art cars from Burning Man, food, drink and music will all be sprawled across 30,000 square feet at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, according to San Jose's event website.



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The largest international dance competition, World of Dance, came to Vallejo, Ca. to host this year's World of Dance Bay Area. More than 300 people attended the event, with 20 youth-division teams and 10 upper-division teams competing. The event also held an "all-styles" freestyle battle for attendees to participate in. For the junior-division competition, dance team BassLine took third place, followed by Syndikidz who took second place and Chapkidz who took first place. With the upper-division competition, dance team Miniotics placed third, followed by Syndicate who place second and Chapkis Dance Family who placed first.

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Crystal Pepsi

What do SJSU students think?

Alex Esposito
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"Tastes Clean"

Jia Siang Fung
Software Engineering



"Goes down smoother than classic"

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Brian Warst
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"Pretty good"

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"Lighter than regular"

90's drink Crystal Pepsi has returned to store shelves for a limited time.

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Drake did it for the Bay



Drake took the Summer Sixteen Tour to San Jose for the second consecutive night on Sunday, September 25, wrapping up the tour's Bay Area shows.

By REBECCA PIRAYOU
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

This weekend, Drake graced SAP Center in San Jose with his presence where he performed a set that lasted well over two hours.

He added this weekend's shows to his Summer Sixteen Tour after popular demand when his original Bay Area shows in Oakland sold out almost instantaneously.

The 6 God opened the show with 'Summer Sixteen' and the word 'Revenge' projected across the stage.

The show was filled with excellent use of lighting theatrics that set a tone for each song. 'With You' projected smooth blue tones to complement the feel of the song and 'Hotline Bling' brought about floating white bulbs that were projected with the color pink, a nod towards the infamous 1-800-HOTLINEBLING single cover art.

As most performers do, Drake told the crowd that we were the best crowd of the tour, and whether he was being sincere or not, he sure made me feel it. He had a special way of engaging with the crowd as a whole but making it personal to San Jose. wrapper Future eventually came out, I took this as my break time to sit down and people watch. I am personally not a huge Future fan and evidently, it appeared that not many of the other concert goers were either.

Eventually, Drake came back to perform with Future for 'Grammys' and a couple songs off of 'What a Time to be Alive,' the album he collaborated with Future on.

Like most performers do at SAP, Drake

donned a personalized San Jose Sharks hockey jersey and performed in it as long as he could before sweating through it and setting it down on the edge of the stage for a tactful fan to snag.

Drake's rumored girlfriend, Rihanna, and in my opinion his soulmate, has been making appearances on the Summer Sixteen stage throughout the duration of the tour and many concertgoers, myself included, were speculating an appearance. He teased a snippet of 'Take Care' before ultimately transitioning to 'Too Good' and dancing by himself.

In the past, Drake has had a reputation as somewhat of a softie because of some of his slower and more emotional ballads. Those were the only songs missing from the show. The concert was a slew of medleys compiled of songs from the majority of his albums. He only sang portions of the song which gave him enough time to sing samples of all of his hits.

At around 11:30 p.m., Drake announced that he had gone the 11 p.m. curfew but refused to leave the stage and continued to perform until midnight, telling the crowd that he didn't care how much the venue would take out of his check for the night. And considering he was 25 sitting on 25 mil, I didn't doubt it.

This concert was easily the best concert I have ever experienced and I could listen to 'One Dance' with the image of Drake on the Summer Sixteen stage for the rest of my life.

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Justice needs to be served for Terence Crutcher’s family



DARCIE ORTIQUE

STAFF WRITER

I’ve become exhausted watching so many gruesome videos of innocent, African-American men lose their lives at the hands of racist law enforcement officials. What’s more frustrating is the fact that these individuals have a duty to protect our communities, but instead, they are destroying them by killing people of color. No matter how often these traumatic deaths occur, I refuse to act oblivious or grow accustomed to a justice system that fails to acknowledge human rights. When will law enforcement officials be held accountable for their actions? How long will it take for them to put their guns down and realize that BLACK LIVES MATTER? I don’t know what it’s like to walk in the same shoes as an African American male, but I’ve experienced some of the same, uneasy feelings when dealing with police officers all because of the color of my skin. I was distraught after hearing about 40-year-old Terence Crutcher, an unarmed black man, and father of four, killed by a white police officer, Betty Shelby, on Friday, Sept.16 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. On Monday, video footage from police was released, capturing Crutcher’s death

on camera. Watching another innocent, black man be tasered and killed by police officers makes me question whether Jim Crow laws are creeping back. According to police surveillance cameras, Crutcher was walking toward his SUV, where he was waiting for roadside assistance for his broken down vehicle. Crutcher raised his hands in the air when police officers followed him to his car. Moments later, Officer Shelby opened fire and Crutcher was murdered in cold blood. San Jose State University African-American studies professor, Dr. Steven Millner said, “This wave of modern day “spectacle lynchings” is an emotional burden for those of us who have had to live with these explosions of violence directed towards our youth....as a father and grandfather and uncle of identifiable young men of color.” Crutcher’s death only added to the growing list of African-American males killed by white officers in recent months. Seeing these videos on a regular basis takes an emotional toll on you. “I have no peace of mind witnessing these repeated public displays of police homicides,” Millner said. “Even Stevie Wonder can “see” this brutal pattern unfolding.” Officer Shelby’s attorney made a public statement about the murder, claiming Shelby suspected Crutcher was reaching for a weapon when she shot him. Louis Hill, senior industrial technology major said Crutcher’s death wasn’t a surprise to him. “It’s a lot of killings of African American males right now in the U.S.,” Hill said.

Many police officers are proving time and time again that they take advantage of carrying a firearm and are do not have the best interest for their communities. On Thursday, Officer Shelby was charged with first-degree manslaughter for the Sept. 16 shooting, but was released on a \$50,000 bond soon after. “They’re making an example out of this female, but where’s the justice in the other victims in the U.S.?” Hill said. Today, many African American males feel like an ‘easy target’ in the eyes of white police officers. “I’m scared every time the cops are behind me. There’s always precautions--as far as me wearing a hat in the car, I’m taking it off. I’m slowing down when I see the cop, my music is going down, just growing up in LA just made a difference in how I see, you know, police,” Hill said. According to Hill, growing up in Los Angeles made him a lot more skeptical when dealing with law enforcement officials. “It’s making me aware of the color of my skin. It’s not anything new. Even the older people of our generation people tell me, you know, be cautious, these cops really don’t care, they’re trigger-finger happy; there’s a lot of things that’s going on that’s not justice, it’s injustice,” Hill said. Fortunately, Crutcher’s family members are demanding justice. Nicholas Howard, fifth year business administration major said, “I’m morally shocked at how she [Betty Shelby] handled this situation. One of the major things I did not understand was how they approached him and just the whole circumstance of how it ended. It could’ve been avoided.”

According to attorney Benjamin Crump, Crutcher’s car window was rolled up, making it unlikely for him to reach inside his vehicle for a weapon. Crutcher’s death is just another reason for black males to be cautious when interacting with, in particular, white police officers. “I do not want to be a hashtag or end up like one of these individuals. One of the major things I do is I keep my hands shown at all times” Howard said. I think it’s a shame that anyone should feel threatened by people who were hired to serve and protect our communities; that just isn’t fair. “I feel like I’m an automatic target just from my skin tone, even though my skin tone isn’t a dark complexion, I feel like physical facial features, definitely automatically make me kind of like ‘the suspect’ and as for being like an easy target, more than likely” Howard said. Howard advises Crutcher’s family to do whatever they can to help ensure that officer Shelby is held accountable for her actions. Personally, I believe she should be charged with manslaughter, not on administrative leave, collecting a paycheck after committing a murder. “Go as far as you can to find justice and if you can, go beyond that. Go to help out officers so that this doesn’t re-occur in your area,” Howard said. My prayers and condolences go out to Crutcher’s family members and loved ones.

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Black Lives Matter is an important reminder of America’s flaws



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JEREMY CUMMINGS

COLUMNIST

In 1858, NYPD officer Robert Cairnes shot longshoreman John Hollis in the back point blank during a chase, according to a New York Times report. Outrage at the killing nearly led to Cairnes being publicly lynched. It also ignited a debate in New York regarding the appropriate use of force by police; a discussion that has continued in recent years thanks to movements such as Black Lives Matter. Last week we saw two more tragic police shootings: Terrence Crutcher in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Keith Lamont Scott in Charlotte, North Carolina. The officer who killed Crutcher has already been charged with manslaughter, and the investigation into Scott’s murder is still ongoing. The Black Lives Matter movement is important to America because it is one of the only popular movements that draws attention to police violence, which has been an issue in America since the nineteenth century. After news broke of Scott’s shooting, protesters immediately hit the streets and engaged in acts of violence against police

and other citizens. I don’t imagine violent reactions will result in any positive change, but I understand why so many black people are angry after watching their brothers, fathers, cousins and friends gunned down for so long. On Twitter, people rushed to pick a side — police vs. the public — then attempted to defeat each other with 140-character salvos of fractured, illogical rhetoric. Members of the media dug into Scott’s criminal history, as if a restraining order from 2004 had anything to do with an officer’s decision to open fire that day. The media is a powerful force, and by bringing up past details of shooting victims’ lives, reporters inadvertently imply that an existing criminal history is sufficient reason for an individual to be killed by the state. Black Lives Matter needs to exist, because there are so many people who rush to justify a police killing before considering for a second that the officer might have been in the wrong. We don’t want police to be wrong. A lot of us grow up being taught that police are heroes, here to protect us and ensure that the evil deeds in our nation receive their deserved punishments. We want to see police in this light, and there are countless law enforcement officers who genuinely are heroes. We also hate to see anything challenge this image. So when officers are unjust — harassing, raping or killing someone — it makes sense that some would rush to their defense. But our desire for police to be the heroes we imagine they should be cannot precede our commitment to a justice system where

unconditional justice is truly the top priority. In a just society, the first instinct should be to demand that justice is served. We should wait until that happens to pick sides. Justice must come first. Instead it’s the other way around. Most people picked a side long ago and will do anything to convince themselves that their side is right. It’s the same mentality that compelled Donald Trump to stand by his positions on birtherism and stop & frisk during Monday’s debate even when he was shown to be clearly wrong. Blindly defending the police is dangerous, though. If we allow police to get away with every wrongdoing unchallenged, then a brash, strongman-style leader like Trump will have no problem deploying the police against his own people, regardless of their skin color. Injustice starts small then grows into a tumor that threatens the livelihood of a nation. If we tolerate misdeeds against any group of Americans, it will be a matter of time before we find ourselves on the receiving end of the same misdeeds. Black Lives Matter needs to exist because if we don’t do our best to ensure that everyone in the country receives justice, there will come a day when justice is reserved for the privileged and powerful. When a police officer unjustly kills someone, that officer has committed a crime and needs to be held accountable. Justice must come first. Black Lives Matter needs to exist because here in the greatest country in the world there should be no controversy in demanding the best of our justice system. We need to be able to trust our police,

but we also need to hold them accountable when they’re in the wrong. Justice must come first. Black Lives Matter needs to exist because if we allow police to get away with anything future will become a totalitarian nightmare. Furthermore, it needs to exist because this movement reminds us that vestiges of racism still exist in our society. Racism used to be such a pervasive force in the country that it affected nearly every part of society, even down to the most mundane areas like photo processing techniques. When the tangibly racist parts of our society — slavery, Jim Crow laws, segregated schools, etc. — were abolished, we were left with the more insidious social biases that developed in the early days of the U.S. Governments are a reflection of their people and vice versa. Because the government encouraged racial divisions and subjugated blacks through targeted legislation, the perception of black people as less than human thrived among the population. When the laws went away attitudes toward blacks remained, just in a much quieter form. The racist attitudes got so quiet that some people, like Trump’s Ohio campaign chair, can convince themselves that there was no such thing as racism before 2008. Black Lives Matter needs to exist because it should not be controversial to suggest that there’s a bias against black people in a country where they used to be sold like animals.

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preferences and other respectable traits, ultimately it is well-known that Americans often vote while heavily considering the appearance and demeanor of candidates, according to the Stanford Political Journal. Speaking of demeanor, what we saw at the Monday night debate was a wealthy, slimy arrogant snob who stood on national television and smirked at every comment the opposing candidate made while she wet the

bed in a phenomenal opportunity to upstage Trump’s volatile and inappropriate nature. While Trump’s temperament and character were above the low standard he has set during his mostly unconventional campaign, Clinton gave off a an unnatural, egotistical vibe to the audience. She squeaked a villainous laugh at multiple statements made by her opponent, reminding viewers of Cruella De Vil and the Joker. Additionally, though it drew praise from the audience, her most significant failure in my mind was when she said she was preparing to be president in response to Trump traveling

to various cities, meeting with the American people. No Hillary, I don’t think sitting in an office is better than visiting the people of this country; but that is just me, one of the people. As mentioned earlier, Clinton did out debate Trump. She was able to produce evidence that at least sounded more convincing than Trump, who stumbled over some of his statistics. Nevertheless, Clinton did not do anything to boost her support. Trump did not best her in the debate, but he exceeded expectations, and will likely continue to gain momentum and climb in the polls. Clinton is still leading, but Trump has gained on her substantially. CNN

said Clinton lead by double digits earlier this summer. Clinton’s lead has dwindled to a point that when you consider the margin of error, Trump could actually be winning. In the end, complacency just might cost Clinton the presidency. I will reiterate, I do not like Trump, but after the first debate, I don’t despise him quite as much. I see potential, and that is more than I can say for his opponent – the ass– the donkey is the symbol of the Democratic party after all.

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Monday night brawl: personal jabs overpower politics



DIANA SAN JUAN

STAFF WRITER

Americans witnessed a catfight on Monday night that featured two of the most infamous and crucial people today. In the left corner, a liar who could change history, and from the right corner, a racist with an unpleasant head of hair. The first presidential debate between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump featured the candidates in an eye-roll-inducing brawl and it was everything that we thought it’d be and more with Clinton holding the winning championship belt. Though I’m ashamed to admit, this was the first presidential debate that I watched in its entirety. This was not only because everyone is saying this year’s election is frightening, but because the candidates made something so serious, comical.

Though serious topics were addressed, the night was full of insults, scoffs and interruptions. From Trump saying that Clinton’s looks and stamina are not that of someone appropriate to be president, to Clinton emphasizing Trumps’ disrespect towards women, the candidates seemed more concerned with throwing personal jabs than political ones. Within the first 15 minutes of the debate, it was clear who the winner of it would be and that we were in for an interesting night. Trump failed to answer the moderator’s (Lester Holt) second question: What would he do to bring companies back? Trump brought this onto himself when he stated that United States’ companies are being taken away. The times that Clinton seemed thrown off by Trump were when he attacked her on topics that had nothing to do with her policies and plans as president. The Republican candidate attacked Clinton on what has happened in the past before she is potentially even in office. The North American Free Trade Agreement, for example, was described by Trump as the worst trade deal the United States has ever agreed to. Did I mention this

was signed when Bill Clinton was in office, not Hillary? In addition to that, he attacked her for some of what has been done under President Barack Obama’s watch that she had little to no control over. He also criticized Obama for his decisions on the Iraq war. At one point Clinton defended Obama for the claims Trump made in the past about the current president’s birthplace. The democratic candidate looked right at Trump as he spoke while Trump rolled his eyes and made faces as she had her say. If that doesn’t say it all, I don’t know what does. I would much rather have a president confident enough to encounter their opponents head on than someone who mocks and rolls his eyes at them in addition to interrupting every other person who had a say.

In a humorous table turn, Trump complained that Clinton was being mean to him on and off stage, shedding light on the ads on TV provided by Clinton’s campaign that discredit and show why Trump should not be president. He was kidding, right? Trump has called women every name in the book including ‘fat pigs,’ ‘slobs’ and ‘dogs’. If he wasn’t so horrible, Clinton

wouldn’t have any content to show in her anti-Trump commercials. Clinton also made a point in mentioning that the next president of the United States will have the power over nuclear codes. “A man who can be provoked by a tweet should not have his fingers anywhere near the nuclear codes,” Clinton said. I think we can all agree on that. How terrified would you be knowing that Trump could have the power to destroy an entire country? It wouldn’t be true Trump if he failed to insult the Hispanic and African-American community while attacking Clinton. He said that we were living in hell because our cities are full of violence and Clinton would not assert any law or order to those cities. Trump continues to try to get himself out of the hateful comments he’s made about different ethnicities, particularly those about African-Americans and fails miserably. Saying something like this on a nationwide program shows just how ignorant he is. Replying to Trump’s comment on the Hispanic and African-American communities, Clinton said what most of us were thinking, that there was

no need to target Hispanics and African-Americans. According to The Washington Post, “He [Trump] demonstrated once and for all Monday night that he’s simply incapable of constructively engaging the vast majority of black voters in tone, language or on issues, while Clinton — who has had her own past problems with the black electorate — clearly has figured it out.” That is the person I want to run my country. Is it hard to understand that the best choice is the one who defends people being targeted over the racist targeting them? My choice is easy. After this first presidential debate, it should be clear who should move into the White House. According to a CNN poll of voters who watched the debate, deemed Clinton the winner by 62 percent while 27 percent thought Trump was better. Clinton destroyed Trump, who was unprepared and bad-mannered, with class and dignity and we, as Americans, have a more promising future with her on the top. I’m with her.

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Classifieds

Sudoku Puzzle

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Previous Solutions

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ACROSS

- 1 Turn the air blue
5 “Sir,” in colonial India
10 Not fully closed
14 Sailing on the ocean
15 Upstate New York city
16 Passage ceremony, e.g.
17 Engaged in a child-ish comfort
20 Pollen and dust, notoriously
21 Trip to Mecca
22 Miss-named?
23 Santa ____ (California city)
24 Kinky yen
27 Crumbs from a meal
29 Religious maxims
32 It’s served in spots
33 Acid that will make you see things
36 Some desert growths
38 What an eclipse can do
41 Fish-eating hawk
42 Before, long before now
43 “You get the picture”
44 Vertical ship posts
46 Non-offensive explosive
50 Sing like a canary
52 Water source
55 Compass heading, sometimes
56 Rock worth money

DOWN

- 1 Where many deals are made
2 Human shark
3 Hush-hush
4 Author also known as H.H. Munro
5 African republic on the Red Sea
6 Hard to tap one’s toe to
7 Clue
8 Frosts, as a cake
9 Common degs.
10 Enlightened one, in Buddhism
11 Japanese martial art
12 Convenient wallet filler
13 Johnny in gray
18 In-flight info, for short
19 House of usher?
24 “Micro” add-on, in libraries
25 Spotted
26 Consumes
28 ____ gin fizz

- 30 Santa’s reindeer, collectively
31 Gangster’s gun, in B-movies
34 Legendary QB nicknamed the “Snake”
35 Calif, on the range
37 Like Salvation Army goods
38 VHS
39 Sport invented by Native Americans
40 Absolute greatest (Abbr.)
41 Emulate
45 Art piece in a park
47 Blockbuster event no more
48 Sweater material
49 Itty-bitty
51 Like some humor
53 Like a rainbow
54 Athlete with deep pockets
57 Where one asks to be hit
58 Wraps up
59 Straddling
60 Stratocaster attachment
61 First half of a swanky California neighborhood
62 Fourposter, e.g.

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WEEKEND RECAP

SJSU dominates Nevada teams on the road

By TAYLOR JONES
STAFF WRITER

San Jose State's women's soccer team couldn't have began conference play any better after defeating both University of Nevada, Las Vegas and University of Nevada, Reno in the opening weekend.

The Spartans entered conference play with a 3-2-3 record. SJSU started the weekend with a win Friday night when they played UNLV in the Mountain West opener.

They won 2-1, scoring both goals in the first ten minutes.

In the game, goalkeeper Paige Simoneau ended up with 12 saves and was a big factor in the Spartans 2-1 win. Simoneau was busy defending the goal, especially in the second half.

The Rebels came into the game with a notoriously aggressive offense, having scored 27 goals in their 11 games so far. The Spartans' rock-solid defense held them to just one.

"It's pretty comforting on where we are at and how we are doing," said middle forward Gabriela Herrera. "We still have a lot to grow, but I feel every game we've been stepping our game up and picking up the level of play."

SJSU would get all the offense it would need courtesy of Darielle Franklin and Yaritza Arista.

Five minutes into the game, Franklin scored the opening goal. Just four minutes later, Arista scored the second goal for the Spartans, her first goal of the year in the ninth minute of the game.

This put the Spartans up 2-0. UNLV got one back in the 30th minute but SJSU's defense clamped down to preserve the 2-1 win in its first conference game.

"Everybody knows their role and they step in and they play really well and that is part of the gift of our team," said head coach Lauren Hanson. "We are going to come out and play organized defense and touch up on the little things defensively."

In the game against Nevada, the women's soccer team played another hard-nosed game that ended in a 3-1 win.

The first goal was scored by defender Kristin Amarikwa with assistance from Maricruz Chapa. This was the second goal of the season for the freshman defender.

The second goal of the game was scored by Alexis Venegas and was assisted by Gabriela Herrera. This also would be Venegas' second goal of the season.

In the 70th minute of the game, Herrera wowed the crowd with her header goal that put the Spartans up to three.

"It is great to get two great results on the road against a good team," Hanson said. "I think we are playing really well right now but there is always things you can build on."

All three of the goals made at the game against Reno were headers.

"They were all very nice goals," said forward Darriell Franklin. "Just to do that as a team and with our heads is amazing and makes us more dangerous as a team."

Simoneau is currently ranked 22nd in the country with four individual shutouts and 30th in the nation with a 0.500 goals-against average. As of the September 19th games, Dorte Hoppius ranks number one on conference games with shots per game at 3.63.

The team's next game will be at home against New Mexico on Sept. 30th at 4 p.m. Two consistent wins in the first two conference games has the team feeling strong.



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Senior midfielder Samantha Orodpour battles to gain possession of the ball during San Jose State's game against the University of Montana on Sept. 16 on the SJSU Practice Field. The game would go on to finish scoreless after regular time and two frames of overtime.

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2017 Football Schedule

The San Jose State Spartans added the Texas Longhorns to their 2017 football schedule, SJSU Athletics announced Tuesday.

Despite both establishing football programs in 19th century, this will be the first-ever meeting between the two schools, and will take place Sept. 9 at Darrell K. Royal - Texas Memorial Stadium, which holds a maximum capacity of 100,119 people.

Texas is one of the most prestigious football programs in college football with four claimed National Championships. Its \$183.5 million in gross revenue in 2015 was the second most in the NCAA, according to USA Today.

The Longhorns were originally facing the University of Central Florida Knights on that date, but bumped them six years for a match up in 2023. The Spartans were set to play the University of South Florida Bulls that same day, but moved them up two weeks for the season opener at CEFCU Stadium.

The Spartans will now meet with five non-conference opponents as a part of an uncommon 13-game slate in 2017: Texas, USF, Utah, BYU and Cal Poly.

The extra opponent on the schedule is due to what is known as the Hawaii Exemption. This allows for teams that are traveling to play the University of Hawaii to schedule an extra game to offset the travel costs.

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SPARTAN UP

HEADLINES FOR THIS WEEK'S SPARTAN ACTION

SJSU returns to Spartan Gym after 11 games



The women's volleyball team began this season winning three games in a row, sweeping their way through the Spartan Invitational hosted on the SJSU Campus. After that they hit the road for what seems like an eternity, and relative to the amount of games they have played inside Spartan Gym, it has been. The Spartans have competed in several other invitationals across the nation, as well as a couple other games this season; however all have been on the road. The Spartans are back home this weekend as they return to Spartan Gym where they will look to get back in the winning front. Leading the way on the attack for the Spartans all year has been Summer Avery and Giulia Gavio.

THIS WEEKEND

Thursday Sept. 29 @ 6:00 p.m. vs New Mexico
Saturday Oct. 1 @ 1:00 p.m. vs UNLV



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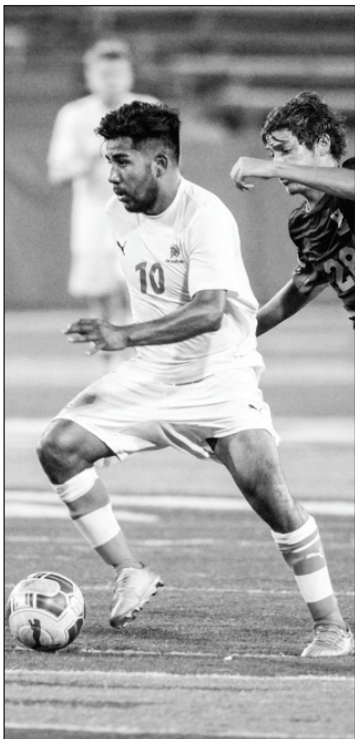


WAC play begins on road this weekend for Spartans

It's safe to say that the SJSU men's soccer team didn't expect to have the record they currently do, but that doesn't mean the season is over with. A game against Santa Clara today is the second-to-last game of non-conference play this season. All three games that the team will play this weekend will be on the road, a theme for the first half of the season. Once the weekend concludes, the squad will have played eight of its eleven games on the road. The Spartans have struggled to find the opening goal this year. In each of its last seven games, the Spartans have allowed the first goal in each going just 1-5-1 in those games. The team's record would look even worse if not for the heroics of sophomore goalkeeper Nedin Tucakovic. The net protector has a goals against average right at two.

THIS WEEK

Wednesday Sept. 28 @ 7:30 p.m. vs Santa Clara
Friday Sept. 30 @ 7:00 p.m. vs Grand Canyon
Sunday Oct. 2 @ 1:00 p.m. vs UNLV



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HIKE REVIEW

Mesmerizing view awaits hikers at Mission Peak

By FRANCISCO FRANCO
STAFF WRITER

The Mission Peak National preserve in Fremont is a supremely popular selfie destination. There are various hiking trails that lead to the photogenic totem pole at the summit of Mission Peak, but the most commonly traveled trail begins at the Stanford Ave. parking lot just a few minutes from Ohlone College.

It's about a 20 minute drive from San Jose State.

While the trail should present no problem for fit hikers, it can be difficult for casual hikers as the trail is mostly incline.

The five-and-a-half mile trail is composed entirely of hard-packed dirt, which gets rocky toward the top. There is no shade except for the occasional tree so it is best to hike early in the morning when it is still cool. However, regardless of the time of day, there is no avoiding the intense wind at the peak.

The constant ascent of this trail can be exhausting and gets even more difficult approaching the peak, but the impressive views of the South Bay throughout the trail should be enough to keep anyone motivated during the challenging rise.

If these views do not suffice, the breathtaking scene at the end of the trail will make the hike worth all the effort.

At the top, the Bay Area skyline from San Jose past Oakland can be seen along with an equally impressive view of the Diablo Range that



A group of hikers gather together as they wait to take photographs on the well-known totem pole at the Mission Peak Summit.

connects the Bay Area and Central Valley.

The widely-popular totem pole also awaits at the peak.

After a tiresome hike, taking a picture on the totem pole is a must. Not doing so is like going to the beach and not getting in the water. On busy days people will even form a line and take turns photographing each other on the roughly six-foot pole.

While there are various other trails that eventually lead back to the Stanford Ave. parking lot most hikers take the same route back. The way down is a little tricky because of the steep incline but it's

also less tiring and takes

about half the time it takes to reach the peak.

Typically, there is very little to no litter, which is impressive considering the large number of people who tackle the trail everyday. There is a considerable amount of erosion on the hillside throughout the hike due to hikers wandering off the trail.

According to East Bay Regional Park District, a restoration project began in 2012 to rebuild and maintain the natural beauty of the Mission Peak hillside. Due to this project most unofficial trails are blocked off by fences.

This entire hike should only last about three to four hours, depending on the amount and lengths of breaks taken. There are a couple benches to rest on throughout the trail, but no water fountains.

For this reason it is very important to bring enough water.

Not everyone makes it to the top the first time as many hikers do turn back because of fatigue. With enough motivation and preparation though anyone can reach the totem pole and add to their Instagram repertoire.

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From the peak, hikers have a pristine view of the Bay Area skyline.

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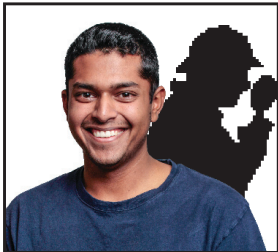


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KAVIN MISTRY

Imagine sitting on the bench, watching your teammates play the game that you love and all you can do is sit, grab your knee and watch.

Deontae Cooper knows what it means to fight for what you love.

The Spartans starting running back is 25 years old and is in his seventh season of college football.

He has torn his left ACL two times and the right one once, but the once-touted high school prospect from 2010 is still making plays in the backfield.

"I had some unfortunate luck when it came to camp," Cooper said. "Torn ACL my first year so I was sidelined and then I rehabbed back too early and I re-tore it again."

Cooper did not strain his focus on only football. The Spartans senior running back has had a strong showing the classroom, pursuing two bachelor's degrees and a masters degree.

"Before the injuries I didn't think that far ahead," Cooper said. "After the injuries I started thinking about my academics and how I can make the most of my situation."

"I was highly recruited out of high school," Cooper said. "I believed in a system up in Washington with coach Sarkisian and early had some success in spring ball."

He was a four-star recruit out of Citrus Hill High School to the University of Washington. He began his Huskies career with an impressive spring showing in camp and had high hopes for the season.

But as the season grew closer, the injuries began to hit. In August of 2010, Cooper tore his ACL during practice

and was promptly out for the season.

"I have been playing this game since I was eight years old and never missed a practice or a game," Cooper said. "Getting hurt when I got to college was a shock to me."

He rehabbed for a year before testing the knee out prior to the 2011 season, when he then blew out the same knee.

"The way I was raised watching my dad work so hard, having a twin brother and an older brother helped me get through it all," Cooper said. "A lot of who I am today, my family shaped me and all of them played different parts."

Cooper said he regrets having tried to push his knee too soon and wishes he waited longer for it to heal before getting back on the field.

A year later, after having fully rehabbed his knee the right way, Cooper's bad luck continued as he tore his right ACL as well.

Despite all this heartache and turmoil of three ACL injuries, Cooper continued to play football and was awarded captain status prior to last season at Washington.

"I always knew that I worked hard," Cooper said. "I found out more about my character and it forced me to be more consistent, be disciplined and build some mental toughness that I didn't know was there."

However, while he was finally ready to take the field, the Huskies had other plans, freshman running back Myles Gaskin took the spotlight and Cooper was left as the backup.

He decided that he needed a change of scenery and wanted to make sure that his legacy was a success story, not one that ended with being left out.

"I just was really looking for a new start," Cooper said.



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Senior running back

"One that would end on a high note and see what I could do with an opportunity like this."

Cooper also said after watching how much success former Spartan Tyler Ervin had in the backfield for SJSU last season, it made him think believe that this would be a great place to end his college story.

All of Cooper's teammates support everything he is trying to do on the field after recovering from the debilitating injuries he endured. Quarterback Kenny Potter said it is nice to have someone like him in the backfield to help take pressure off of himself on offense.

"I think that it is inspirational," said Spartans head coach Ron Caragher. "He sets his goals high as a young student athlete and he doesn't let an injury or something of that nature set him back."

While the NCAA has strict rules on how many years an athlete can play at the Division 1 level (four years), they granted Cooper an additional year because of the injuries he went through.

"I love that Deontae was determined to get back on the field," Caragher said. "He did a great job at the University of Washington, picked as a captain last year and brought his talents to San Jose State."

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